

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

General Expectations

Students who enjoy the rights and privileges of a public education must accept respect and obey school rules. Any student who is found to be disobeying the rules, showing disrespect for any teacher or other school personnel, or damaging any school property will be subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will be taken depending upon the severity of the violations and/or number of times the student has broken the regulations.

Discipline Code

The following behaviors while at school, on school vehicles, or going to or from or attending school events will result in disciplinary action, which may include corporal punishment, in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension:

1. Arson;
2. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation by making or transmitting or causing or allowing to be transmitted, any telephonic, computerized or electronic message;
3. Cheating;
4. Conduct that threatens or jeopardizes the safety of others;
5. Cutting class or sleeping, eating, drinking, or refusing to work in class;
6. Disruption of the educational process or operation of the school;
7. Extortion;
8. Failure to attend assigned detention, alternative school or other disciplinary assignment without approval;
9. Failure to comply with state immunization records;
10. False reports or false calls;
11. Fighting;
12. Forgery;
13. Gambling;
14. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying;
15. Hazing (initiations) in connection with any school activity;
16. Conduct reasonably recognized as being immoral in nature;
17. Inappropriate attire (clothing or accessories that display pictures, lettering or numbering that is profane, vulgar, repulsive or obscene, that advertises or promotes dangerous weapons, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, low-point beer, drugs, drug-related items or paraphernalia or that unduly exposes the body; clothing, accessories, make-up, hair styles, or arrangements or decorations worn or displayed on the body that are likely to cause a substantial and material disruption of school operations);
18. Inappropriate behavior or gestures;
19. Inappropriate conduct reasonably recognized as inappropriate public behavior;
20. Indecent exposure;

21. Intimidation or harassment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation, including but not limited to: (a) assault and battery; (b) damage, destruction, vandalism or defacing any real or personal property; or threatening, by word or act, the acts identified in (a) or (b);
22. Obscene language;
23. Physical or verbal abuse;
24. Plagiarism;
25. Possession of a caustic substance;
26. Possession of obscene materials;
27. Possession, without prior authorization, of a wireless telecommunication device;
28. Possession, threat or use of a dangerous weapon and related instrumentalities (i.e., bullets, shells, gun powder, pellets, etc.), or representation that one possesses a weapon;
29. Possession, use, distribution, sale, conspiracy to sell or possess or being in the chain of sale or distribution, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, low-point beer (as defined by Oklahoma law, i.e., 3.2 beer) and/or controlled substances, or representation that one possesses controlled substances (commonly called "turkey drugs");
30. Possession of illegal and/or drug related paraphernalia, or representation that one has such items;
31. Possession of "self-defense" chemicals;
32. Profanity;
33. Sexual or other harassment of individuals including, but not limited to, students, school employees, volunteers;
34. Theft;
35. Threatening behavior (whether involving written, verbal or physical actions);
36. Truancy;
37. Use or possession of tobacco in any form;
38. Use or possession of missing or stolen property if property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school;
39. Using racial, religious, ethnic, sexual, gender or disability-related epithets;
40. Vandalism;
41. Violation of District policies, rules or regulations or violation of school rules and regulations;
42. Vulgarity;
43. Willful damage to school property;
44. Willful disobedience of a directive of a teacher or administrator.

Conduct occurring outside of the normal school day or off school property that has an adverse effect on school discipline or the educational process or school effectiveness, will also result in disciplinary action, which may include corporal punishment, in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension.

Discipline Which May Be Imposed

Alternative forms of discipline which a principal may impose include:

1. Conducting a conference with a student and/or the student's parent.
2. Assigning the student to an in-school alternative placement.
3. Detention.
4. Referral to a counselor, law enforcement official, or state agency.

5. The formation of a behavior contract setting for the requirements the student will need to comply with during a probationary period to avoid a current suspension out-of-school or other penalty.
6. Changing the student's assignments.
7. Requiring a student to make financial restitution for damaged property.
8. Requiring a student to clean or straighten items or facilities damaged by the student's behavior.
9. Removal or restrictions of privileges, such as recess, off-campus lunch, parking on District property, participation in or attendance at extracurricular activities, or off-campus school activities.
10. Suspension out-of-school.
11. Other appropriate discipline action as deemed to be appropriate from the circumstances.

THE SCHOOL BULLYING PREVENTION ACT

The *School Bullying Prevention Act* prohibits peer student harassment, intimidation, and bullying. These terms include, but are not limited to any gesture, written or verbal expression, or physical act that a reasonable person should recognize will:

1. harm another student;
2. damage another student's property;
3. place another student in reasonable fear of harm of the student's person or damage to the student's property; or
4. insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the School District's education mission of the student or other students.

The Board has adopted a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, and bullying which defines and explains this conduct and the School District's response to the legislative mandate.